



Make the KHIE Connection: It's the ONLY way to meet public health MU measures

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange Partners with The Kentucky Immunization Registry

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the statewide infrastructure that enables the electronic sharing of patient health information between providers. KHIE has had a LIVE interface with the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) since July, 2011, and promotes it as a value added service because **connectivity to KHIE is the only way providers can meet the MU measure of reporting immunizations electronically to the KYIR.**

Connectivity to KHIE enables a provider to meet meaningful use by routing immunization messages from their electronic medical record funneled through KHIE on to the KYIR. **Providers MUST NOT ATTEST for Meaningful Use Measures WITHOUT TESTING IMMUNIZATIONS THROUGH KHIE.**

KHIE will facilitate Provider input to the registry through either of two methodologies:

- The KHIE provides a web-service-based connection that allows server-to-server input.
- The KHIE provides an edge-server-based connection that allows provider servers to connect via VPN.

The Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) is a service provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to store and share immunization data. The data is input by those who provide immunization services and is retrieved by authorized parties who have a need for the immunization information. The data stored in the Registry is subject to stringent controls on access and on validity.

The goal of health information exchange is not just about providing the technology, but is also about providing a high level of patient-centered care. The Kentucky Health Information Exchange is not intended to supplant the doctor-patient relationship, but to reduce the administrative burden of a paper records system, thereby enhancing the doctor-patient relationship by freeing the provider to spend more time with the patient. KHIE's health information exchange infrastructure will allow State health-related programs and the Commonwealth's healthcare providers to share information about common recipients and to empower providers through the use of electronic clinical support tools.